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## State of California Health and Human Services Agency



**GRANTLAND JOHNSON**SECRETARY

DATE:

JULY 16, 2003

TO:

DIRECTORS, CHHS LONG TERM CARE COUNCIL

**DEPARTMENTS** 

Agency

Departments & Boards:

Aging

Alcohol and Drug Programs

Child Support Services

Community Services and Development

Developmental Services

Emergency Medical Services Authority

Employment Development Department

Health Services

Health and Human Services Data Center

Managed Risk Medical Insurance

Mental Health

Rehabilitation

Social Services

Statewide Health Planning and Development

Workforce Investment FROM:

**GRANTLAND JOHNSON** 

SUBJECT:

CENTER ON MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

(CMS) LONG-TERM CARE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

As you know, CMS announced the availability of various Long-Term Care related grants in the Federal Register of May 30, 2003. Immediately afterwards, our office asked those departments that would be directly affected to develop proposals in response to the federal announcement because it is critical to the implementation of our Olmstead Plan.

I ask again that each of you work with your staff to assure that:

- Your department is applying for appropriate funding;
- Your application addresses priorities identified in our Olmstead Plan;
  and
- Stakeholders are involved in the process of developing your proposal.

I recognize that time is short; proposals are due to CMS on July 28, 2003. Nonetheless, in a time when our state resources are severely limited, this opportunity to move toward the goals of the Olmstead Plan is too important to let go by.

If you or your staff need any assistance, you or they may contact Benjamin Harville, Assistant Secretary, Long Term Care, at 651-6694, or bharvill@chhs.ca.gov.